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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: INTERNAL SETTLEMENT ROUNDUP

1. RHODESIAN DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVE HAROLD HAWKINS TOLD THE AMBASSADOR ON MARCH 22 THAT THE NEXT STEP IN SALISBURY WAS THE FORMATION OF THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL. HE SAID IT WAS DECIDED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EC) THAT THERE WOULD BE ONLY NINE PORTFOLIOS WITH A BLACK AND WHITE MINISTER FOR EACH. HAWKINS ALSO SAID THAT GENERAL ELECTIONS ARE NOW BEING PLANNED FOR NOVEMBER.

2. IN SALISBURY, PRESS ACCOUNTS SAY THAT REV. SITHOLE

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TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE THAT HE WOULD NOT ATTEND ANY NEW CONFERENCE BECAUSE THE "RHODESIAN PROBLEM (IS) SETTLED". SITHOLE ALSO SAID THAT THE EC IS ALREADY CONSIDERING DETAILS OF AN AMNESTY POLICY FOR GUERRILLAS WHO "WANT A SETTLEMENT SO THAT THEY CAN COME HOME." THE EC, ACCORDING TO SITHOLE, IS ALSO GOING TO LIFT THE BAN ON ZANU AND ZAPU WITHIN A

WEEK WHICH IS "TANTAMOUNT TO AN INVITATION TO NKOMO AND MUGABE TO RETURN HOME." SITHOLE, HOWEVER, DECLARED THAT HE, NOT MUGABE, WAS THE PRESIDENT OF ZANU.

3. ALSO FROM SALISBURY, IT IS REPORTED THAT THE COMBINED OPERATIONS COMMAND HAS BEEN RESTRUCTURED INTO A "HIGH-POWERED" JOINT OPERATIONS CINTER HEADED BY LT. GENERAL PETER WALLS. ACCORDING TO THE PRSS ACCOUNTS, THIS WILL GIVE WALLS A FREER HAND IN RUNNING THE WAR OPERATIONS.
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